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Town explores meter reading options

By VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

Elk Point's current water meters are "a little bit antiquated," Kathy Lawrence of Accuflo told Elk Point town council last week. "Back in the day, that was great technology." She went on to outline the newest developments, which will allow the meter reader to drive slowly down the streets with a remote reader on the vehicle's dash which identifies, reads and records information from each meter. That information can then be downloaded at the town office and is "100 per cent accurate, with no room for error."

The handheld data collector with a walk-by probe is capable of making between 175 and 450 readings per day, and is so user-friendly that in one town, the meter was carried around town on the dash of the garbage truck, getting two jobs taken care of at the same time, she said.

A number of the town's current meters have been purchased over the past 10 years and can easily be retrofitted, Lawrence said. "You're halfway there." The older meters "are still good" but the town might want to replace them rather than retrofitting, she noted. New meters equipped with the latest technology cost \$325 each.

Automatic meter reading systems have progressed over the years, and are now capable of reading meters from a distance of 750 metres. Today's meters take a reading every 15 seconds and transmit an updated reading every 15 minutes. They also have the capability of detecting leaks of as little as one-tenth litre, continuous water movement or backflow or reverse-flow episodes, popping up an icon on the readings to indicate any of these problems, and also keep a 35-day record of use, thus making it easy to pinpoint problems.

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Tammy Klatt photo

The race is on!

Students at Jack and Jill Playschool enjoyed a Valentine Relay Race last Tuesday as part of their early Valentine's Day party, and also enjoyed a Heart Toss and a Heart Treasure Hunt, as well as making crafts with a Valentine theme and enjoying heart-shaped treats at snack time. Teacher Tammy Klatt said it was "a day full of memories to fill the heart."



Elk Point town council agreed to proclaim Friday, Feb. 28, as Anti-Bullying Day in Elk Point, in conjunction with F. G. Miller High School's "Slam the Door on Bullying" event.

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HIGHLIGHTS

February 11, 2014

Council Meeting

Planning and Development – Council passed Bylaw No. 2014-05 – General Municipal Servicing Standards. These standards provide direction and guidance to land developers, County Council and Administration in the development of land, including the development process and ultimately servicing of new developments. The standards ensure proper and fair process for all applicants and allows the County to ensure quality development that supports its long-term vision in a sustainable way. Starting February 1, 2014, every new home built in Alberta will be protected under Alberta's New Home Buyer Protection Act. County staff will not be able to issue a building permit until the applicant has the appropriate warranty coverage or has an authorization for exemption from the coverage. This will mean a delay in the whole process so allow extra time before the date you plan to start building.

Council gave first reading to Bylaw No. 2014-03 to Lease Lot 28ER, Block 2, Plan 8023220 for a 3 year term. The Bylaw permits the lessee to utilize the ER property for recreational purposes; however the lease is subject to all protocol specified under the Country Residential 2 land use district in the County Land Use Bylaw. The adjacent landowners will be notified and a public hearing will be held at the March Council meeting to hear from anyone who has concerns with the proposed lease.

Traffic Speeding through Owlseye – Council heard from a resident who recently moved into Owlseye and is concerned with the speed that the traffic drives by her residence. She requested that the yield signs on Range Road 103A be changed to stop signs but after her presentation to Council, it was decided that the Public Works Department will set up speed signs in an attempt to slow the traffic for the interim. Council also explained that they are planning to build 1 mile of road along range road 104, which is ½ mile west of Owlseye. Then traffic travelling through the area will not have to travel along Range Road 103A, it would likely be used by local traffic only.

Public Auction of Lands – will be held on May 6, 2014 at 1:30 p.m. At the Public Auction, Council will offer for sale any parcel of land on the tax arrears list, if the arrears are not paid. Council will also set a reserve bid for each parcel of land that is as close as reasonably possible to the market value of the property. The properties will be advertised in the local paper closer to the date of the Public Auction.

Equipment for Sale by Tender – Used equipment from the Parks, Ag Service Board and Public Works Departments will be advertised for sale in the local newspaper and on the County Website. All equipment can be viewed at the County shop.

Ashmont and Mallaig Fire Departments – Thank you to Raymond Brousseau, Fire Chief and Bryce Bodnar, Deputy Fire Chief for accepting these positions on the Mallaig Fire Department and to James Preston for accepting the position of Fire Chief for the Ashmont Fire Department. Also, thank you to all the firemen and women who continue to volunteer their time to serve our communities.

Regional Collaboration Grant – Regional Emergency Management Plan – County Council agreed to partner with the Town of Elk Point and the Town of St. Paul to submit a regional collaboration grant application for funding to develop a Regional Emergency Management Plan Project. The County of St. Paul will be the managing partner.

FCSS Director, Janice Fodchuk – was nominated as a "Hero of the Flood" for her work when she was in High River assisting victims of the flood. She was nominated by someone based on incredible stories of heroism, resiliency and compassion.

Funding Support

- \$1,000 – St. Paul Senior Citizens Club
- \$500 – Lakeland Peewee Jaguars Girls Hockey Team

We are requesting that when residents are clearing their driveway and push the snow across the road, that they do not leave ridges on the road as this is a safety issue.

Residents who require snow removal on their driveways can purchase flags from the County at the Administration Office, Public Works, or the Town of Elk Point Administration Office. Seniors can have their driveways plowed free of charge, however they must sign a Snow Plow Agreement and they require a flag which can be picked up from the County Administration Office or Public Works.

**For more information contact Sheila Kitz, CAO,
County of St. Paul at 780-645-3301, ext. 208.**



Elk Point Junior Girls celebrate their victory at the Mallaig tournament.

Junior Crusaders win Mallaig tourney

By JONATHAN RANDALL
F. G. Miller Athletics

Both of F. G. Miller's Jr. High basketball teams went to a tournament in Mallaig on the Feb. 7 – 9 weekend. The boys' team struggled a little but played hard. Unfortunately there are going to be games where it is a struggle but we plan to bounce back from that and come out strong in our next game.

The girls' have really come together as a team and have been working super

hard and had an amazing weekend of basketball. They ended up second after the round robin and having to play Glen Avon in the tournament's final game. It was a battle the whole game, but at the end, our girls won by two points (20-18). It was nice to see them have this type of success and for their coaches' hard work to finally pay off. It is exciting to see them playing this level of basketball at this point in the season and hopefully they can continue on with it.

Town council

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The ability to track usage "educates the community on things to look for" as regards leaks, Lawrence said, "People don't realize that little drip... can be huge (as regards water usage) in a year's time." It also makes it possible to document incidents where meters have been reversed by customers who are then "stealing water," she added.

Eco Centre

Two matters pertaining to the Elk Point Visitor Information Eco Centre were before council. The first dealt with a request from the Elk Point Chamber of Commerce for MSI funding to develop

the outdoor-accessible washroom, but Mayor Parrish Tung had another idea, noting that that development, which would serve users of the Iron Horse Trail, fits in the trail improvement category and thus can come from the town's commitment to match funds received in a trail improvement grant.

Repairs resulting from wind damage to the Eco Centre roof "need to be done quickly," Coun. Dwayne Yaremkevich noted, and council agreed, passing a recommendation from the public works committee for the town to get the repairs taken care of as soon as possible.

Your Input Is Important

Study of high-speed rail in Alberta

COMMITTEES
OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

The all-party Standing Committee on Alberta's Economic Future is undertaking a study on the feasibility of establishing a high-speed rail transit system for Alberta. Should a project proceed, it would be completed in phases, with the first section operating between Edmonton and Calgary.

Your opinion is important to the Committee. If you would like to present at a public input meeting, register with the Committee Clerk by February 20, 2014. A schedule of presenters will be posted online by February 21. Unable to attend? Share your thoughts in a written submission to the Committee Clerk by March 31, 2014.

Standing Committee on Alberta's Economic Future
801 Legislature Annex, 9718 - 107 Street, Edmonton, Alberta, T5K 1E4
EconomicFuture.Committee@assembly.ab.ca
780.427.1350 (Call toll free by dialing 310.0000)

Public Input Meetings

Calgary	Red Deer	Edmonton
February 24 6:30 p.m. Coast Plaza Hotel and Conference Centre 1316 - 33rd St. NE	February 25 6:30 p.m. Red Deer Lodge Hotel and Conference Centre 4311 - 49th Avenue	February 26 6:30 p.m. Committee Room A 4th Floor, Legislature Annex 9718 - 107 Street

Please note: all submissions/presentations and the identities of the authors/presenters will be made public. For more information regarding the Committee's review of high-speed rail please visit the website at:

assembly.ab.ca/committees/abeconomicfuture

Winter Games medalist

By VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

Junior F. G. Miller Crusader Delainee Dielsen is proud to display the silver medal she brought back from the Alberta Winter Games in Canmore, as part of Zone 7's under-15 Volleyball team. She's extra proud that this is the first time a team from northeast Alberta has done this well and "for the northeast to get to the finals is huge."

Winning over Zone 2 and Zone 3 in their pool and defeating Edmonton in the crossovers, the team advanced to the semi-finals, where they defeated Red Deer to go to the final against Grande Prairie, each of the top teams winning a set before Zone 7 lost "a really close game" in the tiebreaker.

Although the weekend started off with "very cold" opening ceremonies, the Winter Games were "a good experience, and we had really good coaching" from coach Rod Hebert, Dielsen says.

Volleyball is not the Grade 9 student's only sport. Last summer, she

qualified for provincials in ball, and also plays badminton and golf. "I like trying new sports," she says.



Delainee Dielsen

Town council briefs

Capital budget

Elk Point town council agreed to wait until after the provincial budget is released to set the date for a capital budget meeting, at which they will look at priorities for the next three years.

Upcoming events

Council received information about a regional consultation session regarding a review of the Municipal Government Act to be held in Vermilion on Feb. 19 and 20, one of 11 across the province.

The Northern Alberta Development Council's Northern Leaders Summit, with Premier Alison Redford, is slated for March 14 in Athabasca.

Town manager Myron Goyan

will attend the Local Government Administrators Association 2014 conference in Red Deer, March 5 to 7.

Industrial Subdivision

Four more lots have been sold in the Industrial Subdivision since January 1. Further road construction is slated to get underway as soon as the frost is out of the ground, and applications have been made for power, gas and telephone line installations.

RCMP Report

The quarterly and year-end statistics were received from Elk Point RCMP, showing a 4.5 per cent decrease in Criminal Code offenses, but an increase in domestic violence.

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Annual General Meeting

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Capsule Comments

by Your Natural Choice Apple Drugs pharmacist, Seyi Oyeboode

- Vitamin D has been mentioned many times in the media over the past few years. It seems like it is the cure-all for diseases like MS, cancer and diabetes although none of this has been proven yet. For a while it was thought to ward off colds and flu but a recent study proved that this isn't so. However many Canadians do take vitamin D supplements of 1000 to 4000 units daily.
- With all the research into the genetics of cancer, prostate cancer is the most often cancer type that can be inherited. If there is a history of prostate cancer in a man's family, he has a 58% probability of also getting the disease. For women and breast cancer, the probability is 28%.
- Dry skin is a common problem during our Canadian winters. One tip for helping is to not scrub your skin too hard when in the shower or bath because it strips the oils from the skin. When drying the skin, leave a little moisture on the skin then apply a good moisturizer. That will help seal in the water and prevent extreme dryness.
- February is Heart and Stroke Month in Canada. Every seven minutes a Canadian has a heart attack. About 16,000 Canadians die of a heart attack each year with most of those deaths occurring out of hospital. This is a good time to encourage everyone to learn CPR. It's easier than ever before and you never know when it can help you save a life.
- Heart medications also save many lives every year. However, they have to be taken as the doctor orders. If you are having trouble remembering to take your medication, ask our pharmacists for help.



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EDITORIAL

Signs of spring

As of today, we have just four weeks and two days until the official arrival of spring. While the arrival of spring weather is yet another story, there are definite signs that the season will, in fact, arrive:

1. As people take down their Valentine's Day décor, they put up the St. Patrick's Day paraphernalia - and everyone knows that St. Paddy's Day is only three days before spring - and green is a hopeful, spring-y color!

2. Today's the day you can phone and reserve camping sites in provincial parks, although the campgrounds are currently knee deep in snow.

3. You can also pick up your summer sale catalogue now, and pick out your hot-weather wardrobe.

Think spring - Mother Nature may take the hint!

WAY BACK WHEN...

Nursing home, arena anniversary, senior friendly

HERE'S THE NEWS THAT MADE THE HEADLINES OF THE LAKELAND REVIEW AND ELK POINT REVIEW FOR THE WEEK OF FEB. 18 IN...

1989

With \$3.8 million already committed for Elk point's long awaited nursing home, Elk Point General and Auxiliary Hospital and Nursing Home District No. 18 was still waiting for approval of an additional \$500,000 to meet the structure's \$4.4 million price tag. Elk Point Senior Elks sent Consort Comets streaking into another galaxy with a 10-1 win over the visitors in the first game of a two-game, total-point series that started off the north east zone provincial playoffs.

1994

The A. G. Ross Arena was given a 20th birthday party to remember, with MLA Paul Langevin, MP Deborah Grey, Mayor Ed Buck and Minister of Tourism Bob Dowling on hand to re-dedicate the arena to the use of Elk Point and District residents. Town council was now two members short, with the resignation of Betty Callbeck coming less than a month after the resignation of Lawrence Pidluzny, but the remaining five members agreed to continue on shorthanded rather than to hold a by-election.

1999

Elk Point Chamber of Commerce visited town council to offer help in attracting non-oilpatch businesses that would diversify the economy, boost employment and contribute to the tax base. The area's long term care needs were explored at a meeting facilitated by Alberta Community Development, with retaining area hospitals, provision of a level of care between lodges and extended care and expansion of home care programs listed as the top three priorities.

2004

Elk Point OORP joined a long list of donors to the Clarissa Gusnowski Trust Fund, set up to assist the tiny leukemia victim and her family. Town council agreed to join St. Paul's Senior Friendly community initiative and work toward making the community a safer and more convenient place for seniors to live, do business, and participate in community activities.

2009

Christmas Extravaganza volunteers gathered at the Outback 646 Ranch House for an appreciation dinner where chamber of commerce president Sandy Smith told them, "Whether you worked for 20 minutes of 10 hours, we really appreciate all you did." Elk Point skaters brought home six gold medals, six silver and seven bronze from the North East Funs skate in Wainwright.



GUEST COLUMN

The roughnecks

Now that Family Day Weekend is over, we hope all of you were able to do something with your families before you had to go back to work. For those of you who have to work outside in the cold and windy days, our thoughts are about what you are required to do. If you work in the oil patch, some of you are called roughnecks. There is a song "Call Me A Roughneck" with words and music by Alan Harrison that describes your life at work.



We rode in by highway, we rode in by train

We drilled down for oil 'neath the broad rolling plain

Alberta, Alberta, the land of the sun,

by the rush of the river lies Edmonton

Call me a roughneck, there's a fortune down below

Call me a roughneck, and a drilling I will go.

Call me a roughneck, there's a fortune down below

As black as the night and has been out of sight since a million years ago.

The seismic crews were shooting loud and looking for a sign,

To show us where to drop our drills for the fortune that we'll find.

We'll plant our rigs like Christmas trees a-cross the broad prairie

And light up the night with oil flares bright as far as your eyes can see.

Call me a roughneck, there's a lake far below

As black as the night and has been out of sight,

since a million years ago.

Alberta, Alberta, the land of the sun

By the rush of the river, lies Edmonton.

For those who don't work in the oil patch, you might have a question: Who is a roughneck and what does he/she do? When I researched "Google", I learned that a roughneck is a member of an oil-drilling operation. Most roughnecks perform a variety of tasks in oil rig activities. These duties range from helping production foremen and working on derrick floors to tending drilling engines and operating pipe tongs.

I know our oil field services companies will be putting out more details about oil production in our area, but did you know I learned something else when I went on "Google". Did you know that "the Elk Point Group is a stratigraphical unit of Middle Devonian

age in the Western Canadian Sedimentary Basin. It takes the name from the town of Elk Point, and was first described in the Anglo-Canadian Elk Point No.

11 well by McGehee in 1949, Pre-Waterways Paleozoic stratigraphy of Alberta Plains." Oil production from the Elk Point Group is primarily derived from pinnacle reefs in northwest Alberta and from basal sands in Central Alberta. There are 18 Elk Point Group oil fields with Initial Established Recoverable Oil Reserves of over 6 MMBbls. One of the 18 is the Nipisi field of the Gilwood Formation with 20 pools, which was first discovered in 1964.

Basically, all this information I was able to pull from "Google" is new to me and really tells me I don't know much about the Western Canada Sedimentary Basin. Apparently the Western Canadian Sedimentary Basin is a vast sedimentary basin underlying 1,400,000 square kilometres of Western Canada including southwestern Manitoba, southern Saskatchewan, Alberta, northeastern British Columbia and the southwest corner of the Northwest Territories. It consists of a massive wedge of sedimentary rock extending from the Rocky Mountains in the west to the Canadian Shield in the east. The WCSB contains one of the world's largest reserves of petroleum and natural gas and supplies much of the North American market. It also contains large salt deposits.

However, oil well drilling in this area took place long before 1964, and it led to the discovery of the salt deposits that developed into one of our major resource industries.

In one of his "Our Past" columns, Steve Andrishak told us, "An oil company drilling for oil in the Lindbergh district in 1947 not only discovered crude oil, but also a good natural gas deposit as well as a salt bed over 300 feet thick. This find led to the formation of the Alberta Salt Company, a project backed by three different oil companies located in Alberta... In 1947 I was a "roughneck" on the oil crew that drilled the initial salt well at the salt plant site. Our oil rig also drilled a couple of gas wells in the area."

So to all the oil industry people in our area - especially all the "roughnecks", best wishes as you continue to work in the oil patch.

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Tammy Klatt photos



Valentine party fun

Both classes of Jack and Jill Playschool students enjoyed making special cards and treat containers at their Valentine's party last Tuesday, as well as being treated to special snacks.

Town takes stock

By Vicki Brooker
Review Staff

The town of Elk Point took stock of its available lots as of January 1, 2014, after a very busy year of development on the local scene, which saw new single and multi-residential and industrial lots developed, and subdivision plans approved for other lots which are planned for development once a number of the developed lots are sold.

The town currently has a total of 38 single residential lots, with 13 serviced and 10 unserved residential lots on 60th Ave. and an additional 15 unserved residential lots on the north and west extension of Centennial Drive, eight of them irregular in shape. Three other serviced lots have already been sold.

Eight multi-residential lots include four serviced multi-residential lots on 51 St. and 59 Ave., one .28 acre in size and three close to one acre. Another four unserved multi-residential lots are located on 50 St. and 59 Ave, ranging in size between .55 and .93 acre. One additional multi-residential lot has already been sold.

One unserved 4.3-acre highway commercial lot stretches along the west side of Highway 41, north of 59 Ave.

Across Highway 41, there are 12 unsold industrial lots in the new industrial park, with one serviced lot on 60 Ave and nine on 45 St., and two unserved lots on 60 Ave. All seven lots on 48 St. have been sold, along with one on 45 St. Four other lots sold since Jan. 1.

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County of St. Paul No. 19

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Under the New Home Buyer Protection Act, a building permit **cannot** be issued by the County of St. Paul No. 19, unless appropriate warranty coverage or an authorization for exemption from the coverage requirement is in place on the property.

This applies to: new homes, duplexes, multi-family homes, condominiums, substantial reconstruction, as well as manufactured homes (includes modular, ready-to-move, etc.) constructed after February 1, 2014.

This applies to both contractor or homeowner builders.

Please contact Alberta Municipal Affairs regarding this process and inquire on the timelines of approval at 1-866-421-6929.

The County of St. Paul will require the approval or exemption certificate, along with the building application forms in order to proceed with the building approval.

Planning and Development Department



County of St. Paul No. 19 30' LAND ROLLER FOR SALE BY TENDER

30' MANDAKO LAND ROLLER

Tenders to be in by 4:00 pm March 7, 2014. Bids must be in a sealed envelope with a description of the land roller, bid price, contact information and a signature. Bids must be brought to the County of St. Paul offices at 5015-49 Ave St. Paul, AB. All items can be viewed at the County Shop. Highest or any other tender not necessarily accepted. All sealed bids will be opened March 10, 2014 and the winner contacted. Payments can be made by cash, credit card or certified cheque. All items subjected to GST. For more information call Keith Kornelsen at 780-645-3006.

Details of the Land Roller

Year: 2010

Manufacturer: Mandako

Model: 30' Mandako with acre counter

Field Dimensions: Length 24 ft, Width 40 ft, Height 5 ft

Transport Dimensions: Length 37 ft, Width 12 ft, Height 5-½ ft

Weight: 7410 kg

Purchase Price: \$26,900 (April 2011)



Legion Poppy Contest winners

Del Smith of the St. Paul Branch, Royal Canadian Legion, presented awards in the Legion's Remembrance Day Literary contest to Elk Point Elementary School students, right to left: 1st - Chyanne Fisher, 2nd - Chloe Cardinal and 3rd - James Koziicki.

Photo by Diane Dewan

Veterinarian of the Year

By RYAN MCCracken
Review Contributor

Dr. Craig Hellquist of the St. Paul Veterinary Clinic was recently honoured with the title of Veterinarian of the Year, by the Alberta Veterinary Medical Association.

Hellquist received his award at a banquet on Feb. 8 in Edmonton, and said it was a very humbling experience to be recognized for his work in veterinary medicine.

"It was very special," he said. "It was quite an honour and very humbling to receive an award like that."

St. Paul Veterinary Clinic Animal Health Technologist Angie Lock nominated Hellquist for the award. Lock said she chose to nominate him because he goes out of his way to help the people of St. Paul, whether by healing a sick pet, or mentoring a student.

"I nominated Craig because of his mentorship. Every year he either takes in a vet, tech or practicum student and he mentors them... he's never turned one down, he never turns down a high school work experience student. He's always willing to have volunteers. We have a wall of fame where he takes a picture of each student and puts it up," she said, adding he gives back

to the community as a coach as well as a mentor.

"He's a hockey coach too, and you can always find him at our local arenas. He's coaching midget currently, his youngest son plays."

Hellquist made a point of thanking his staff at the Veterinary Clinic, not just for nominating him, but for their continued efforts in providing St. Paul with top notch animal healthcare.

"I have excellent staff. It's not an individual sport, you definitely have to have support staff. Our philosophy is we all work together on a team, and everybody's got an important job," said Hellquist. "You can't provide the services that we do by yourself, so I'm blessed with having an excellent staff that works hard, and they're very good at what they do."

Hellquist also thanked all those who helped him grow and flourish as a veterinarian, and a person, over the years.

"There are so many people that I learned from through my professional time," he said, adding a special thank you to his wife, Anita. "My wife deserves a lot of credit because she provides a lot of support and looks after our kids and stuff, too. My wife Anita is a huge

reason why I can do what I do."

Hellquist, a veterinarian of 25 years, has spent 22 years of his career working in St. Paul, and said that practicing in a rural area poses a number of different challenges than working in an urban centre.

"There are definitely different challenges. Being a veterinarian, medicine is so diverse and there are so many different areas you can work in. Working in a rural practice is quite different than the city where you're dealing strictly with smaller animals. The environment and the clients are quite different," he said. "Twenty-five years ago when I started working we dealt mainly with large animals, but the trend has been away from large animals, and most of our work is with small animals now. That's a similar trend in most mixed practices in Alberta."

Even 25 years into his career, Hellquist said his job continues to be fulfilling and rewarding, and not just in the form of his Veterinarian of the Year plaque.

"There are so many rewarding aspects of the profession and the job," he said. "Dealing with people, dealing with animals, the challenge of problem solving and practicing medicine, there are so many positive aspects of the profession."

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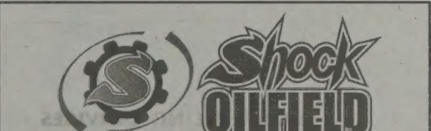
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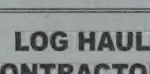
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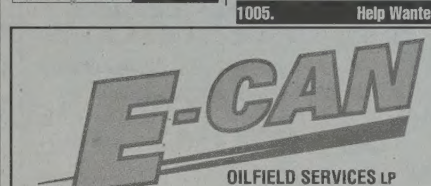
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